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SPRINGFIELD FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIVING THREE STOLEN ANTIQUE FIREARMS FROM 1800s

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Springfield, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to receiving stolen antique firearms that were manufactured during the 1800s.

George T. Doos, 44, of Springfield, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Doos** admitted that he received three stolen firearms between Jan. 11 and March 16, 2004, in Greene County, Mo. The firearms include a M1849 .36 caliber Colt Pocket Revolver, a U.S. Model 1842 Percussion Pistol and a Model 1851 Colt Navy Revolver. Each of the firearms is valued in excess of \$1,000, Graves said.

The firearms are property of the United States and the National Park Service, Department of Interior, and are associated with the Civil War battle. They were reported stolen from the Visitor Center at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield on Jan. 11, 2004.

In addition to pleading guilty to receiving the stolen antique firearms, **Doos** also admitted that he knowingly possessed a Jennings .32-caliber semi-automatic pistol containing a serial number that had been obliterated and that he was a felon in possession of a firearm on March 22, 2004, in Greene County. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Doos** has a previous felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance for sale in the State of California.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Monroe and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and Greene County Detective Richard Mayo, the Springfield, Mo., Police Department, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and

Explosives and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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